

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Vincent Pusateri, II, Chairman Daniel Sarefield Linda M. Swears

MINUTES OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on March 2, 2015 in the Fitchburg Municipal Offices conference room, 166 Boulder Drive, Fitchburg, and called to order by Chairman Vincent Pusateri at 6:00PM. Commissioners Sarefield and Swears were present. FPD Sergeant Matthew Lemay was present.

The agenda consisted of the following:

I. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING. The minutes of the meeting held on February 18, 2015 were reviewed, approved and signed.

II. NEW APPLICATIONS

Shreejiniwas, LLC, dba JD's Variety, 259 Franklin Road for 10:00AM Sunday opening. *Application received and placed on file.*

Bottoms Up Bar, Inc. dba KC's Pub, 1098 Main Street for Transfer of Stock, New Officer/Director, New Stockholder and Pledge of license.

Application accepted and referred to Public Hearing to be held on March 16, 2015 by vote of 3/0.

970 South Inc., dba Partner's Pub, 970 South Street for Alteration of Premises – Add outdoor seating/patio. Application accepted and referred to Public Hearing to be held on March 16, 2015 by vote of 3/0.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Proposed new regulation:

Add to License Commission regulations for Taxi/Livery drivers the following language:

All taxi/livery drivers licensed in the City of Fitchburg are subject to random drug and alcohol screenings. Regulation amended and adopted as follows by vote of 3/0:

All taxi/livery drivers licensed in the City of Fitchburg are subject to drug and alcohol screenings by order of the Board of License Commissioners.

2. Discussion:

Draft letter to ABCC regarding wholesale distributors

Draft letter reviewed and amendments recommended. The Clerk will re-draft the letter and bring to the next meeting for further review.

3. New/renewal taxi driver applications:

Manuel Lopez - City Cab

Motion to approve the application failed by vote of 0 in favor and 3 opposed.

Christopher Green – City Cab

Mr. Green was present. By vote of 3/0 at 6:26PM the Board entered in to Executive Session with the intention to resume in open session to discuss Mr. Green's criminal history background. The Executive Session ended at 6:50PM. The Board voted 3/0 to continue the application until March 16, 2015.

4. Continued taxi driver application:

Antoine Marcus – Twin City Kab

Mr. Marcus was present. The Board had questions about the fact that the applicant changed his name from William Wells to Antoine Marcus. He stated that he began to use the name of Antoine Marcus when he was in the entertainment industry in Ohio. He stated that he has not legally changed his name in the courts but does have a driver's license issued in the name of Antoine Marcus. Mr. Marcus explained that he has had some health issues which is why he was unable to attend the last Board meeting. After discussion with the applicant the Board voted 3/0 to approve the application pending receipt of a note from his physician stating that he is healthy enough to drive a taxi.

5. Continued Appeal of denied taxi driver application:

Terence Earl Durden, II

Mr. Durden was not present. The Clerk provided a copy of a letter mailed to Mr. Durden requesting that he be in attendance at this meeting.

Motion to approve the application failed by vote of 0 in favor and 3 opposed therefore the denial is upheld.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anna M. Farrell

City Clerk

Approved:

Vincent Pusateri, II

Daniel Sarefield

Linda M. Swears